Allotment of quarters to CPWD Service Centre Employees in J and H Block Kali Bari Marg

1113. Shri SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of quarters allotted to C.P.W.D. service Centre employees in J and H Block, Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi ;

(b) Whether it is fact that some employees of J and H Block CPWD service Centre have occupied two quarters one in the service centre and the other in the J and H Block also ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action has been taken by Government to get the quarters in J and H Block vacated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Fourteen Numbers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above .

Schemes implemented under Central Assistance

1114. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) What are the schemes being implemented by the State Governments out of the grants under the Central assistance made available under the provision of Article 275 (1) of the Constitution ; and

(b) What is the total amount released by the Central Government during 1985-86 and whether this grant is 100 per cent Central assistance or is an addition to the state plan resources ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Specific schemes sanctioned for implementation by the States include schemes pertaining to Development of forest villages, Rehabilitation of shifting cultivators, Health of the tribals, Collection of Minor Forest produce, Strenghening of LAMPS, Development of vulnerable and sensitive area , setting up of Tribal Crafts-Training-cum-production Centres, Development of tribals suffering from special diseases, etc.

(b) Rs. 20 crores were released as Grant-in-aid under First proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution to the State Government by the central Government during the year 1985-86. The amount constitutes. Grant-in -aid to the state Revenues. it forms a part of block grants given to the States under the State Plans. These, therefore, do not constitute an additionality to the State Plan resources.

Policy Exploitation of Minerals

1115. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any policy is being formulated for the speedy exploitation and utilization of minerals in the country including mining of minerals from the sea-bed ; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) (a) and (b) A National Mineral policy is being formulated. Optimal use of mineral resources with emphasis on conservation, beneficiation, research and development etc. are some of the aspects which sould be covered by the policy. The policy